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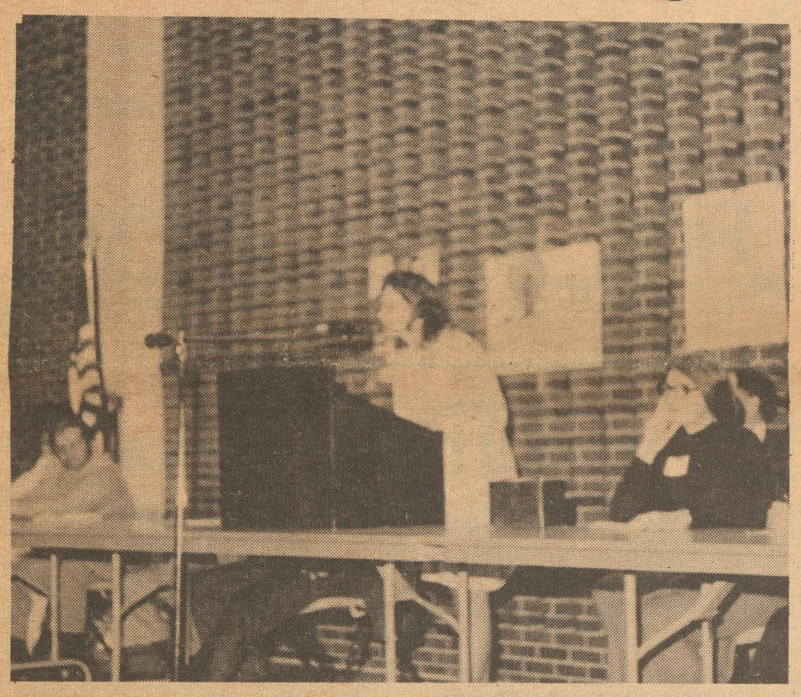
Sr. Ardith Delivers Stinging Blow to "Society" at Drug Abuse Meeting



SENIOR ARDITH PLATT - Let us fight for human survival.

Among the speakers at a drug abuse workshop, held on March 29, 1973 at the Civic Center by Stop the Flow of Drugs, Inc., was Sr. Ardith Platt of St. Joseph, Parish.

Her talk was her own personal plea for community action, not only against drug addiction, but against the racism that she labeled a root cause of most of our community problems.

It is our feeling that our readers could benefit much from Sr. Ardith's eloquent appeal, and so we are bringing you the entire text, in her own words.

"I believe that you are the church. These ministers are not the church. You and I are the church. We are a church right here in this auditorium. We are only acting as Christ's hands, feet, heart, soul, breath, tears, and joy, when we walk out of here and do something. He said to us, "Recreate the world," not to dominate people, but to be brothers and sisters with each other.

And I want to ask forgiveness from this group for the very many white racist institutions in this city and in this nation. There are many people saying they are believers pretending they are believers and they have created institutions with such competitive natures that you can not make it humanly, and grace builds on human nature. When you are trying to survive, you might take drugs to get away from the ugliness that you see that has been created by bureaucratic and structured institutions, that cause you the inability to get out and to live humanly. Because if we really cared, there wouldn't have to be a person on drugs. If we ever started getting to the caused in this city, instead of talking about putting bandages on effects, like poor housing, like poverty, like drugs, or any other social ill that you're going to get concerned about if we ever really broke through the Council, the police force, every agency in this community that actually cared about, people rather than trying to "social-service" use to determine whether or not a person deserves a human living.

Now what are we going to do about it ?

For one thing, I want to say to young people there was someone else killed in this city today. It's always in our community and you know it. Why ?Pressures.

You here, in this auditorium, be careful not to bring pressure on young people; they've got enough pressure already in school.

When are we going to start loving each other in our community ever if somebody else in the other community hates us ?

We've got alot of work to do. One thing I want to propose right now, to do something worthwhile, is that every person concerned, that we get together and that we really start doing something instead of talking about doing. And I think that our concern for the drug addict is an extreme one. But I think also that you've got to get rid of the caused before you'll get rid of drug addiction.

I'm willing to put my heart and soul into it. Maybe we've got what we want to have, when we have power, we have fear, too, and we're not going to stick our neck out to do too much.

Just a thought: the Word of God invites us to recreate this world, beginning here where we are, putting our name wherever it's important.

I'm so much more conscious of this now living in Saginaw. Saginaw's politically and powerfully controlled by a group of people who do not see the needs of all people in this city. It is economically based so that many are poor, and there is no breaking through that barrier. It is socially divided to the point where black and white and chicano cannot live and love each others as brothers and sisters, because some people chose to move far away from those they consider inferior." (Here Sr. Ardith's voice wavered and tears came to her eyes, but she continued bravely and firmly.)

"There are many churches who preach the word of the Lord but do not prompt any courage and show their congregation and the people how to get out, and to live with people.

How can one ever begin to break through the barriers unless we here tonight right now say we are honestly going to change the system that exists here, here and now, Jesus doesn't say, "go kneel down and pray all day." He says, "Use my hands and my feet and my heart that I give you." Live my life. Live my life. Work it. Put your neck out." Get your congregations together. Let us get together. Let us fight not only drugs. Let us fight together for human survival. Then grace will build on nature. When stomachs aren't empty; when competition isn't so great. Who changed the law in Dearborn that said a black could not live overnight there ? Who changed the laws in Saginaw that said that open housing is a reality ? And that people won't be bombed and stormed when they move into a house that already is set by real estate unions so high that you know very well you can't purchase one. And you can't borrow any money either.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT:

Do we, as church people, have our people involved enough to break through City Council, commissions, to get where all people can have liberation, economically ?

Now you very well know that in this world, if the whole

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SHS Gets Another Black Eye From From Daily News

BY. JIM COLVIN.

Now that it's a proven fact that your daily news always sits back and waits to get a bull's eye shot at the black community, and then let's go with both barrels, when is the black community going to stand up in support of a newspa[illegible] is directly accountable only to them ?

We're talking about the Saginaw High fans behavior at Ann Arbor's Crisler Arena: a Saginaw News reporter and photographer saying that there was a wall of policemen around a part of the arena to restrain the Saginaw High fans. There are also reports of newsmen being harrassed.

The Valley Star was there, from start to finish, so if you want the truth about what happened, read on: At no time did I feel that I, or my 12-year old son, was in any danger; at no time was I harrassed or insulted by Saginaw High fans. If the News reporter wants to use the emotions and enthusiasm of some loyal fans, to justify the facist action of Bay City Central's officials and parents, this is a slap in the face to every black reader of the Saginaw News.

Here is what I myself observed as a newsman at the Crisler Arena. Of course, there were heartbreaks, just as there always are when we lose something we have fought to win; of course, emotions ran high, when fans felt their team was not getting a square deal from the officials.

And I am sure that every Saginaw High fan resented deeply the fact that everytime they stood up to cheer their team on, there were half a dozen policeglaring at them as if they were

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International Youth Congress Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Bishop William James, President

Rev. Wm. James, prominent pastor of the St. James Church of God in Christ, Toledo, Ohio, has been appointed President of the International Youth Congress of the Church of God in Christ by the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson of Memphis, Tennessee and the General Board during a General Session in Chicago, Illinois. The Board members present at the General Session were: the 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop S. M. Crouch of Los Angeles, California; the 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop L. H. Ford, Chicago, Illinois, Bishops J. A. Blake of Los Angeles, California; J. D. Husband, Atlanta, Georgia; W. Wells, Greenboro, N. Carolina; J. S. Bailey, Detroit Michigan; O. M. Kelly, New York, N. Y.; F. D. Washington

Rev. James attended Clark University in Atlanta, Ga., and received a B. A. Degree from Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston, Massachusetts. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of Sacred Scriptures by the Pillow of Fire College of York, England in January of 1972.

Preparations are now underway for the 38th International Youth Congress in Miami, Florida, July 2-July 7, 1973. The Congress has a delegation of several thousand members from the United States and thirty-two countries. The International Youth Congress has been given the task of sponsoring the educational program of the Church of God in Christ.

Dr. James is deeply concerned over the careless or indiscriminate use of drugs. The problem of drug abuse is not new, but in our nation it is becoming more and more widespread. Young people are being pushed hard about drugs. During his term of office, Dr. James intends to challenge the Youth Congress and the Church to concentrate more on rehabilitation of young people with drug problems.

The answers to life and the deep inner problems of man are not found in drugs. President James declares that Christ can do something with your life and give you deep and true meaning.

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world were a hundred people, living in a global village, 40% of all the food consumed is consumed by the 6 people of the United States. And all the other 94 people consume about 50% to 60%. Now you know very well, many people in the United States are living much too high. Because 40% of the wealth here is in the hands of 5% of the people. You know somebody's not living very well.

How do you break through an economic base ? You break through it by living sparingly, and sharing.

Surely, a basketball player who is renowned is not worth 2 million dollars a year, when a woman on welfare can't even get a job in order to get off. Now, something's wrong.

(The audience applauded this statement.)

You can't tell me, when you go to school, that because it takes your little son ten minutes longer to learn something than it takes some other little son, that he's less than the other little person.

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going to start a riot.

I myself received this stepchild treatment at one point: I was approached by a rookie policeman who asked me what I was doing on the playing floor with a camera. I informed him I was a newsman and a photographer, and that my credentials had already been certified by officials before ever entering the arena. Still, he constantly hounded me and demanded that he, a rookie, wanted to see my press credentials, too. I noted that at the same time, five white photographers were going about their business without being approached by this presumptious fellow. Including your Saginaw News man

Strange, isn't it, that your Saginaw News reporter didn't even notice this incident, even though it is exactly this kind of thing that provokes real trouble at sports events and other places.

It is about time the loyal fans and supporters, along with the fine kids who are students at Saginaw High, start to demand respect of your daily newspaper; demand that it tell all the news, not just the things that make them look like savages; and if they can't do that, then demand that the daily newspaper just stop talking about Saginaw High altogether.

And don't worry about knowing what happens, readers, you've still got the Valley Star.

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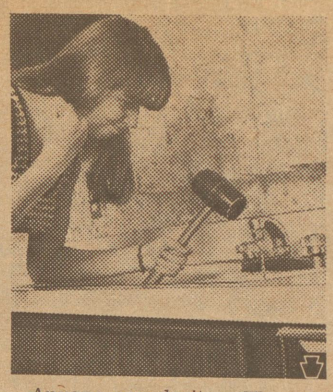

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The following people have been elected P.T.A. officers for the 1973-74 school year. President, Mrs. Donald Hardy; Teacher Vice-President, Mr. Fred Jones & Mr. John Kilborne; Treasury, Mrs. James Hall; Secretary, Mrs. Murphy Layton; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Anthony Hartman, History, Mrs. Pearl Jamerson; Membership Co-Chairman, Mrs. Cedrick Hardima & Mrs. Mary Singleton; Refreshments Chairman, Mrs. Ruby Speight.

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BRUCE MOORE - All it takes is togetherness.

BY: GEORGIA MANZIE

The words "Why Can't We Live Together" was nationally popularized by singer Timmie Thomas. Now the words are being locally popularized by a community action group named "Why Can't We Live Together", co-ordinated by Mr. Bruce Moore. A very involved brother who is concerned with "getting it together so that we can live together." Mr. Moore was invited to pay Valley Star a visit so that he could inform us of the reason why the "Why Can't We Live Together" committee was formed. Friday April 26th Mr. Moore made us of the invitation.

Mr. Moore began the interview by pointing out that Mr. William Bigby and Mrs. Myrtle Roby are spokesmen for the group. "Why Can't We Live Together" is actually a class offered at St. Joseph School and is sponsored by Delta College and Project H.O.M.E. Mr. Moore is the instructor. The purpose of the class is to teach citizens of the Northeast side of Saginaw how to deal with City Hall, and to inform them of the short cuts that can be used in getting community problems solved. Mr. Moore emphasized that there are lots of problems in the community that have been in existence for a long time. Take for instance the problems caused by trains constantly holding up traffic on the Northeast side of Saginaw. This has become such a problem that the railroads are commonly referred to by residents of Northeast Saginaw as "The Iron Curtain."

Mr. Moore's class at St. Joes was so enthused by his leadership potential that they circulated petitions to nominate him for City Councilmen, Mr. Moore stated "It will take a joint effort from all groups concerned to bring about a new era of responsiveness and participation in the political structure. It is possible to have black councilmen that we responsive to the needs of the black community, in part and as a whole. But in order to do this may I remind everyone that it will take unselfish commitment to the common goals, which are equal treatment, justice and safety."

I asked Mr. Moore if he felt SHS has made any improvements, he answered, "When I was at SHS, black students were orientated to go to the foundry and other menial jobs. The students had no black teachers or administrators to identify with. Now that the percentage of black teachers at SHS is 45% and administrators is 50% black, the commitment to education black students should be more then 100%. It is my hopes that the black teacher will band together and make their goals to make sure that the students are getting the best education of any high school in Saginaw. They should try to leave their personality conflicts at home and be totally committed to the education of SHS students. Also SHS students should learn to drop their personal differences and come together as one. They (students) should be the principle group that is working to eliminate the minor fights and other petty negative things that are hurting their image. I also would like to comment on Mr. Coles the head basketball coach at SHS. I would like to say that Mr. Coles has done a great job of not only giving SHS a good basketball team, but he has brought the black people of Saginaw together. Even if it was just for basketball, right now basketball is just a stepping stone. Soon the community will participate in all events of SHS. As a whole SHS is a school we can all be proud of, in the future we can be even prouder. All it takes is TOGETHERNESS!

The following is a brief resume of Mr. Moore's education and community involvement. Mr. Moore attended Central Jr. High and Saginaw High Schools. He left SHS in 1956 during his senior year to join the army. He was in the army from 1956-59, came back to Saginaw and held various jobs for 10

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By Georgia Manzie

CLAYTOR BRANCH LIBRARY HOLDS STORY HOUR

Dorothy Mason and Brenda Braddock are Delta College Students, seeking a Bachelors degrees in Elementary Education. Saturday March 31st, they went to Claytor Branch Library as a class project and entertained the children with a story hour. They told the story The Emperor's New Clothes and the story How Potatoes Came To Ireland. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Braddock also demostrated the use of hand puppets, and played several games with the children.

After they finished, I got a few comments from them. Dorothy Mason of 1541 Dillon is a 1962 graduate of SHS. She had this to say about SHS. "I really believe there have been improvements. I think Mr. Nuckolls is really good for the kids and understands them." Brenda Braddock of 1624 Federal, a 1970 graduate of SHS, had this to say. "I think SHS has improved, especially the curricculum. I'm all the way for SHS."

Later I talked with librarians Sue Hill and Barbara McDole. They pointed out the changes that have been made since Claytor's re-opening in January '73. Mrs. Hill said the library has a better selection of black oriented books than the main library (Hoyt Library) because Claytor is located in the black community. Among the black oriented books they have in stock are the books, Blacks In Business, To Be A Black Woman, No More Lies (by Dick Gregory), and Growing Up Black. The library currently has the black magazines Ebony and Black Sports. The library is in the process of obtaining the magazines, Black Careers, Black World, The Negro History Bulletin, Essence, and Jet Magazine. It might interest you to know that Claytor also has a subscription to Valley Star.

Mrs. Hill said that she is just working at Claytor temporarily and is in search of a black librarian with a Masters degree in Library Science.

Claytor Branch Library (Named in honor of the late Dr. Archer A. Claytor) is located at 1415 N. 12th. And is open 1:30 - 5:30 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. To obtain a library card at Claytor Branch, you need only to fill out the necessary papers and you automatically be given a card.

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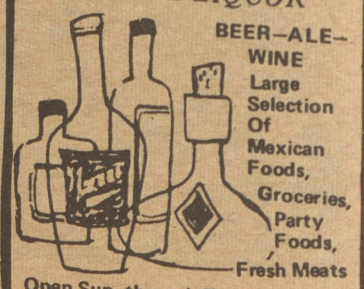

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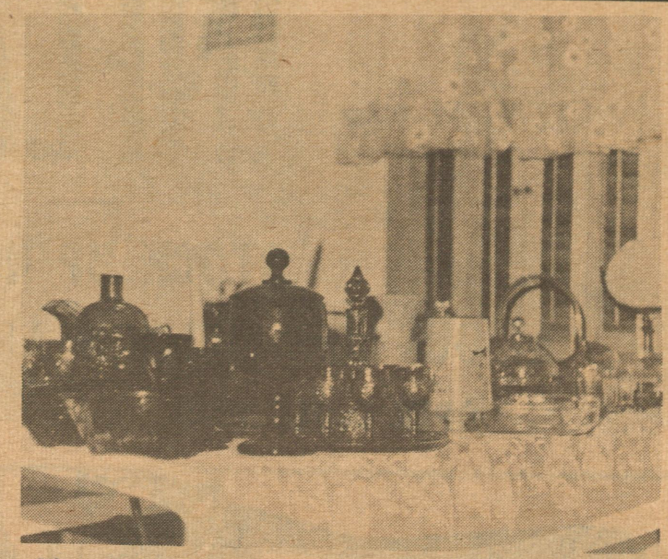
years. Then in 1969 Mr. Moore decided to complete his education, he took the G.E.D. to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma. Attended Saginaw Valley College 1970-72, Graduated with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology. While at SVC Mr. Moore was on the Human Relations committee for SVC students. Mr. Moore is presently a member of the American Legion. He is a Community counselor for United Fund of Saginaw. Mr. Moore is also an Ombudsman (student rights representative) for the Student Rights Center at the Multi-Purpose Center. Mr. Moore said that he wants SHS students to always come to the Student Rgihts Center when they have problems in school. The purpose of the Student Rights Center is to defend students whose rights are in jeopardy.



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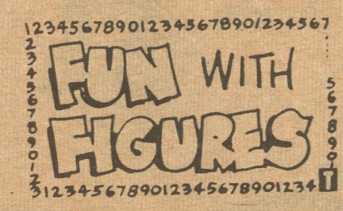

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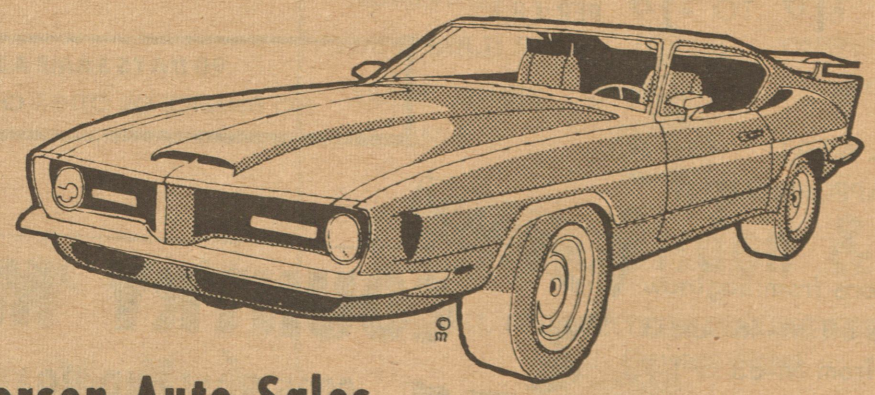

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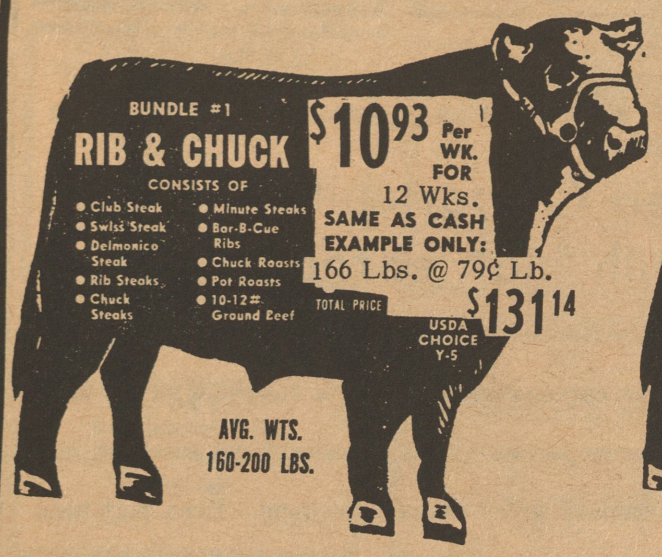

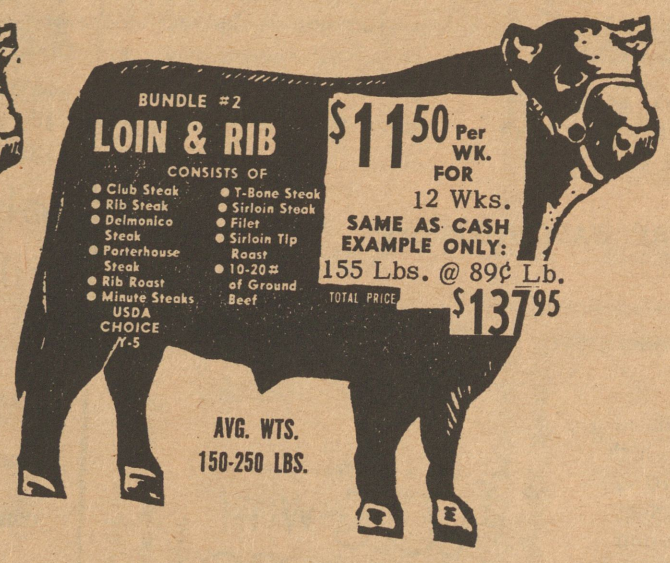

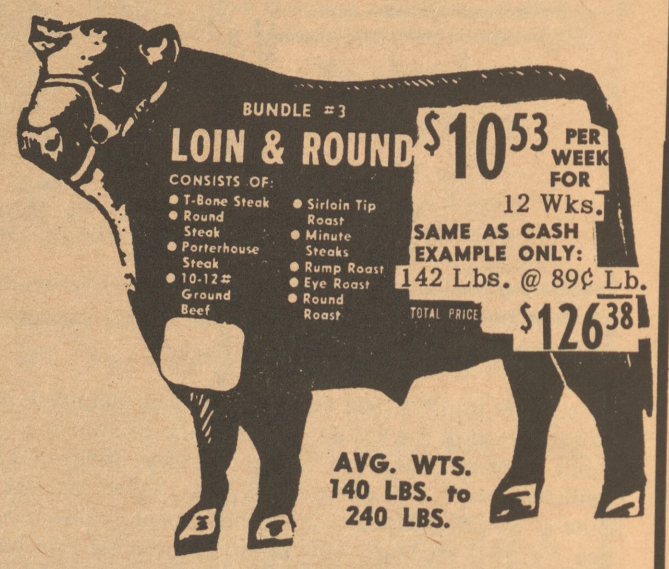

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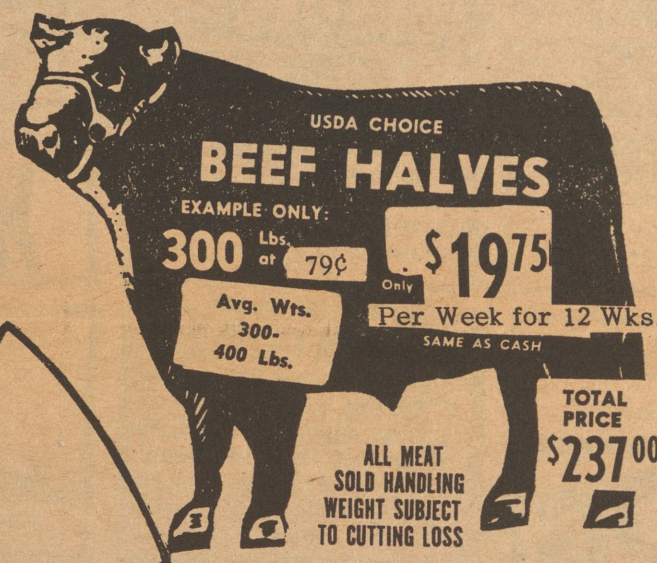

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Are most weddings performed on Sunday?

No, over half occur on Saturday.

By what methods do doctors' wives practice birth control.

About 27% use oral contraceptives; 23%, the I.U.D.; 14%, diaphragm; 4%, foam. Other methods they use include withdrawal and ligation.

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Oasis Court Presents All-National Style Show

BY. CHARLENE COLVIN

The ladies of Oasis Court No. 2 made fashion history last Sunday, April 8th, when they presented the All-Nations Style Show in the auditorium of the Saginaw Y.W.C.A.

This showing of costumes from 21 countries was presided over by Mrs. Alice Carter, in her usual regal style. She herself wore a striking red-and-gold caftan, and vied with the models for the audience's admiration.

After the singing of the Black National Anthem, the Civitan Hi-Steppers opened the show, and in the first segment, American and African Styles were seen, along with costumes from Bahamas, Brazil, and Spain.

Following a duet by two of the Civitans littliest performers, Arabian, Mexican, Egyptian, and Hawaiian costumes were shown.

The Hi-Steppers again took the floor dancing to the vintage tune "Mood Indigo." Then came costumes of Chinese, Dutch, and French origin.

An old favorite "April Showers" was sung by Mrs. Wickes newest soloist, who nearly had her audience believing that it really was "raining vi-o-lets."

The costumes of England, Japan, Switzerland and Sweden were modeled, along with those from Scotland, Italy, and Turkey. The program concluded with American Indian costumes finally contemporary American styles.

The people responsible for this informative and interesting event are: Mrs. Carrie Smith, Matron of Oasis Court N. 2; Mrs. Vera Hayes and Mrs. Blanche Clark, program chairwomen; Mrs. Barb Leo of Barb's Costume House, who not only arranged to contribute to use of her authenic costumes for the afternoon, but acted as costume-coordinator for the program as well. Orchids also go to the dozens of beautiful people who contributed their modeling talents.

The All-Nations Style Show was not only a fund-raising activity for Oasis Court No. 2, which makes contributions to a variety of worthy charities, but was also a part of the competition for the honor of being chosen Queen of the Daughters of the Sphinx.

HIGH STEPPER in motion.

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IT'S FUN to be a Scott.

MRS. WICKS I am just one of the girls.

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SO THIS IS Mexico.

MRS. B. L. LITTLE.

MISS CARLENE GILL.

Happy Birthday, Mama Phillips

AS I GET OLDER birthdays are more fun, says Ma Phillips. This way I get to see all the kids and grandkids.

Sunday, April 8, was not only a beautiful early spring day with a cloudless pale blue sky, but it was also a milestone for Mrs. Ophelie Phillip, who celebrated her 89th birthday.

She was surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even grand-nephews and nieces. Cary, Lloyd Robinson, nephew. Craig King-8, Anthony King-3, Carlton King-6, Kim Suttles-12, grand nephews. Velma Robinson and Frank Robinson, brothers. Adam Smith-5, great grandson. Joyce Likely, Fred Likely, Lorraine Wesley, Wesleir Smith, Lisa Likely-grandchildren. Ulyss Wesley-son, Mary Wesley. Essie Phillips-daughter, Joe Phillips-son, Darryl Likely-great grandson, and Marc Smith-great grandson.

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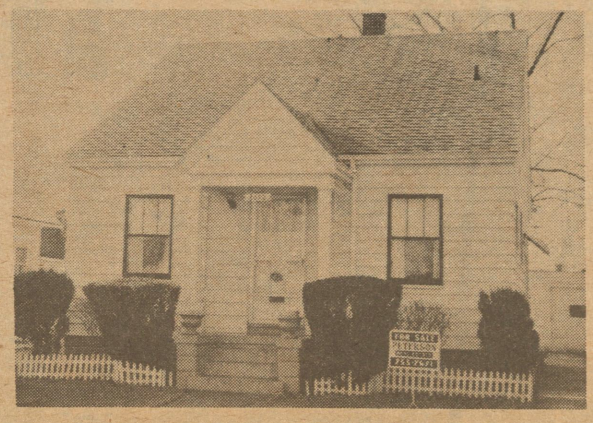

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Announcement!

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We invite such students (or their parents) to send in information about themselves and their scholarships and a picture if one is available, so all of our readers can see that the young people of this community are working hard to build a better tomorrow.

Remember, the Valley Star is your newspaper. If someone you know is busy building that "better tomorrow", for himself or for others, we would like to know about it, because our readers deserve all the good news we can give them.

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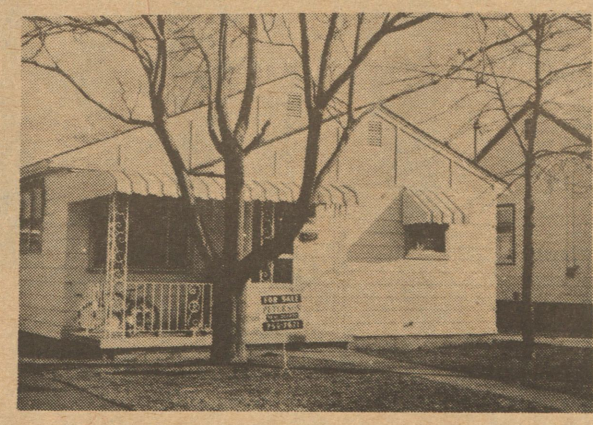

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